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DEVELOPMENT OF JET TRAINER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intermediate Jet Trainer development by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been tested;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would serve IAF`s technical gap in the training of pilots; and

(d) if so, the time by which the intermediate Jet Trainer would be inducted into IAF?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) is presently undergoing ground tests, including engine ground run, leading to its first flight.

(c) Indian Air Force (IAF) are presently using Kiran trainers to train their pilots.These aircrafts have technologies of the sixties and seventies and are approaching their fatigue life. The IJT is being developed for Stage II training of the pilots.It will have state-of-the-art Avionics, Display Systems, Fuel Efficient Engine and increased armament capabilities, incorporating latest technologies.This will improve pilots` training effectiveness with better speed, range, endurance and advanced avionics systems.

(d) Initial operational clearance of IJT is expected by 2005-2006 and deliveries to Indian Air Force (IAF) are expected to start from 2005-2006 onwards.